

## HOUSE BILL NO. 291

INTRODUCED BY SMALL-EASTMAN, BIXBY

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ~~ADDING TWO MEMBERS TO~~ REVISING THE MEMBERSHIP OF  
THE COAL BOARD; CLARIFYING THE COMPOSITION OF THE COAL BOARD; AND AMENDING SECTION  
2-15-1821, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Section 2-15-1821, MCA, is amended to read:

**"2-15-1821. Coal board -- allocation -- composition.** (1) There is a coal board composed of ~~seven~~  
~~nine~~ SEVEN members.

(2) The coal board is allocated to the department of commerce for administrative purposes only as  
prescribed in 2-15-121.

(3) ~~The~~ Subject to 2-15-124, the governor shall appoint ~~a seven-member~~ the members of the coal  
board, ~~as provided under 2-15-124.~~

(4) (a) The members of the coal board are selected as follows:

(i) two from the impact areas;

(ii) ~~two~~ ONE with expertise in education; ~~and~~

(iii) ~~at least two but not more than four from each district~~ three members ONE MEMBER from the two  
districts EACH DISTRICT provided for in 5-1-102(2)(a) and (2)(b); ~~but no more than two members from either of~~  
~~the districts;~~

(iv) one who resides in a county from which coal is produced; and

(v) one Indian FROM A COAL-PRODUCING COUNTY.

(b) The governor shall further, in making these appointments, consider people from these fields:

(i) business;

(ii) engineering;

(iii) public administration; and

(iv) planning.

(5) Nothing in this section prohibits the appointment of more than one Indian to the coal board."

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2           NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Notification to tribal governments.** The secretary of state shall send a  
3 copy of [this act] to each tribal government located on the seven Montana reservations and to the Little Shell  
4 band of Chippewa.

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